# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CIVIL AVIATION
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:361
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AGREEMENT WITH IAF
Patil Smt. Rupatai Diliprao Nilangekar

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Civil Aviation Sector is taking the help of Indian Air Force (IAF) in order to compensate the shortage of pilots in planes and helicopters;

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been reached upon between Civil Aviation and the Indian Air Force (IAF) in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION( SHRI PRAFUL PATEL )

(a):- Yes, Sir. Qualified Pilots from Indian Air Force (IAF) having sufficient flying experience are exempted from appearing in flying tests and technical examinations of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) required for issue of licence.Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited is also utilising the services of IAF pilots for their operations.

(b) and (c):- Memoranda of Understanding have been signed between IAF and Air India on 05.04.2007 and between IAF and Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited on 15.02.2008 allowing IAF pilots to join these organisations.